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SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Eagle aims to establish focus group

By Sacha Smith THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ramona Y. Eagle was sworn into Southern Ute Tribal Council Friday, Feb. 13. Eagle claimed her seat on council after receiving the highest number of votes in Thursday's Special Election.

"It's a good day to fulfill our council seats and continue work going forward," Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost said during last Friday's swearing in ceremony.

Eagle was elected to serve out the remaining nine months of Howard D. Richards' term; who resigned in December.

Though her time on council is rather short, on developing a fomembership.

According to Eagle, be a learning environ- of previous council dement, and will focus on cisions," she said. "And educating tribal mem- I'm very familiar with straint, and getting a rebers as to what services all the departments." are available to them through the various ence as Tribal Treasurer said she is ready to get programs.

"The time is very man Resources. short, but I hope to get see what is good, and what is not working for ship] has to say."

before her term ends.

great asset.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Eagle has her mind set Ramona Y. Eagle took the oath of office in Council Chambers Friday, Feb. 13. Eagle was the winner of cus group for the tribal the Special Election held on Feb. 12, and will serve nine months on Tribal Council.

"I bring my back-

and a background in Hu- to work.

When the Drum asked asked my many triba tribal focus group go- what the most important al members to run for ing, so the membership issue facing the tribe is office, and she credits can have a voice and right now, Eagle said, "family values."

them," she said. "I think a family ... there is so ballot. it's very important we much around our envihear what [the member- ronment that distracts people who voted for us from being a family Eagle hopes that with unit ... being able to tell council's support, she stories and being able will be able to get the to respect our elders, focus group established dancing, being able to said. speak the Ute language Eagle's previous nine in the home, and being years on council will able to have education Bernie Cuthair 18.5 permake her one of the for both the parent and more seasoned members the child," Eagle said. sitting on council right "Also knowing what now, and she feels her it means to be Ute, not experience makes her a just the money. Knowing the stories from our 4.6 percent

grandparents and how the focus group will ground and knowledge it applies to today's

> Besides the time confresher on some of the Eagle has past experi- new technology, Eagle

> Eagle said she was them for helping her make the decision to "Being able to be as put her name on the

> > "Thank you to the me and have confidence in me, I will do my best to help council make the good decisions," she

Eagle received 36.4 percent of the votes, cent, Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie 17.9 percent, Jake B. Ryder 14.7, David Latham 7.8 percent and Shelly L. Thompson



Ignacio High School students Wyatt Mickas, Hunter Frost, and Krislynn Thompson are just a few of the young individuals who were able to bring the Subway franchise to Ignacio. They pose with their Service Learning class instructor, Lynn Blakesley.

#### TOWN OF IGNACIO

# Subway marks it's opening

By Damon Toledo THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For many years, community members have been advocating the idea of bringing healthier food options to the Ignacio community. As the statistics of unhealthy lifestyles continue to rise, the impression of providing healthier choices became more open.

After a wave of phone calls and emails, the Subway franchise proposed a plan to open a restaurant in Ignacio. Now tribal members can get the benefit of a healthier option, and it couldn't have been done without the dedication of some hardworking Ignacio High School students.

The concept of the project originated last year during Lynn Blakesley's Service Learning class, which allows students to address community needs. After months of brainstorming, it became evident that the community was lacking an appropriate establishment that caters a more nutritious menu.

"The students [proposed] that Ignacio needed a restaurant that stays open for longer hours as well as being affordable. They decided healthier food options were beneficial, so they contacted Subway directly. The students did all of the contacting while role-playing as professionals," Blakesly said.

The students then held a meet up with Dave Larson, Subway's regional manager for the area. He spoke with the class and made suggestions on where to start the project. It was eventually decided that the restaurant's location would be on 580 Goddard Avenue where Hero's Sandwich Shop once stood.

Krislynn Thompson from Ignacio High School addressed how her group came to the conclusion of promoting a Subway establishment.

thinking how small Ignacio is and how it needed different restaurants. All of them are old here. I think it's a healthier choice aside from the greasy food that's served here. I feel good to help provide this for the community," Thompson said.

"As an athlete, this is a great change from a lot of other foods around here," said high school student, Mike Perez. "Don't get me wrong, there are good places to eat here, but some aren't as healthy. As a community, I think everyone

loves Subway and there's a bigger variety that you can get. We had to get everyone on board as a class to take the idea forward, and now here we are."

Lynn Blakesley stated that the project is meant to teach professional and communicative skills, giving the students the benefit of going onward with their ideas and concepts. Additionally, the Service Learning class is a required credit for students to graduate.

"We do a lot for the community," said Hunter Frost. "We put up anti-drug posters by the Academy as well as speak with them about it. We also do trash pick up around town, and "We were sitting there we recently just did some by the river."

> "We also provide clothing donations for the jail, that way people can have something to wear when they get out," said Tristan Boone. "We're doing what we can to make things a little better."

> The students were treated with a free lunch provided by Ron Clark, franchise owner. Clark states that he hopes the community will enjoy their selection of healthier subs.

> Subway opened its doors to customers on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

#### TRIBAL HEALTH

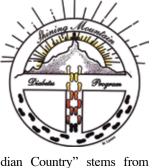
# Fitness challenge calls on Native youth

By Sacha Smith THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program is starting the year off healthy by hosting the 2015 Kids Fitness Challenge next Saturday, Feb. 28 at the SunUte Community Center.

"Native American youth are at a higher risk of being obese and developing diabetes," Deanna Frost Shining Mountain Diabetes program coordinator said. "[2015 Kids Fitness Challenge] is all about getting kids active and educating them on how to start living healthy life-

styles at a young age." "The Let's Move! In In-



dian Country" stems from first lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" health initiative aimed at promoting healthy eating and exercising habits in America's youth.

The free fitness challenge is open to all Native American youth between the ages 5 to 18 and will provide various physical activities

to its participants.

"The challenge includes more play structured exercises," Abel Velasquez SunUte fitness trainer said. "It'll show kids that they don't just have to do weight room or more traditional exercises, like push ups, to be healthy."

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning and the first 50 kids to register will be receiving a free t-shirt, Frost said.

Prizes will also be given out to first, second and third place winners from each of the four-age divisions.

For more information on the fitness challenge call Deanna Frost or Abel Velasquez at 970-563-4741.

# A sweetheart of a powwow



gathered at Powwow Sweetheart on Saturday, Feb. 14 inside the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Couples gathered for the Valentine's Day event and were graced with cultural music, holiday activities, and a special potluck

and

friends

**Families** 

See more Sweetheart **Powwow** photos on



#### 2015 Spring Blessing - March 20

The 2015 Spring Blessing of the buildings, tribal vehicles, staff and Southern Ute community will be held on March 20th, which is the first day of spring. The Ceremony will begin at sunrise just South of KSUT.

Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost asks that all staff respect the ways of the Southern Ute people and have all offices and buildings open and available to be blessed. All Southern Ute tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the fire pit located South of KSUT unless you have made arrangements with Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost for your tribal vehicle blessing.

If your department would like a certain Sun Dancer to bless your building, office or cubicle please contact Tara Vigil, Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100ext. 3624 or Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost at 970-442-0500.

Southern (Ite tribal community members and or tribal staff that would like an individual blessing can do so at the fire pit.

#### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP **Woodyard Services Changes**

This notice is to inform you of several changes regarding the services provided by the Tribal Wood Yard. Per Tribal Council's request, the Wood Yard recently transitioned over to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Division as the Forestry/Fuels Crew beginning Dec. 15, 2014.

A new set of procedures has been established and approved by the Executive Office and the following will inform you of the purpose of new Forestry/Fuels Crew and how to utilize their services (the procedures for firewood deliveries, firewood pickups, and sweat wood will be effective starting Monday, Jan. 5).

Please note that Forestry/Fuels Crew will no longer provide residential lawn and garden services. You must contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710, ext. 2722 for all residential lawn and garden services effective immediately.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Forestry Fuels Program under DNR Forestry is to achieve multiple natural resource objectives, including: fuels reduction, forest health improvement, commercial forest stand improvement, and wildlife habitat improvement, through the thinning of the Tribe's commercial forests and woodlands. The fuel wood produced through these activities is made available to the Tribal membership to heat their primary residence. Firewood is also made available for ceremonial purposes within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

#### **Contact Information**

In order to place a wood order for delivery or pick up (this includes sweat wood), you may contact the Forestry office at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

#### FIREWOOD DELIVERY AND FIREWOOD PICK UP PROCEDURES

Wood deliveries and wood pick up will be available through the winter months, beginning Oct. 1 and ending April 30. Wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split firewood will be delivered to the primary residence of an eligible Tribal Elder or an eligible Tribal Member with a disability that have the means to burn firewood at their primary residence. The residence must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in order to qualify for delivery. Eligible Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with a disability that wish to have split firewood delivered to their primary residence will not be eligible to pick up blocked firewood from the Forestry Fuels Yard. Wood deliveries are made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked firewood will be available for pick up to enrolled non- elder Tribal Members that have the means to burn firewood in their objectives of the new Forestry/Fuels Crew.

primary residence. Wood will be available for pick up at the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays during business hours only.

Firewood provided to the membership will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of firewood available include: juniper, pinion, pine, aspen, etc.

Firewood will NOT be provided for personal camping (no exceptions).

Tribal Members found selling or giving away firewood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Program, will be banned from firewood and sweat wood services for 3 years, and /or face prosecution.

#### SWEAT WOOD DELIVERY AND FIREWOOD PICK UP PROCEDURES

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split sweat wood will be delivered to eligible Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with disabilities that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/ Allotment/Fee Land. Tribal Elders and Tribal Members with a disability that with to utilize the delivery service may not pick up blocked sweat wood from the Forestry Fuels yard. The sweat lodge must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked sweat wood will be available for pick up for eligible non- elder Tribal Members that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/Allotment/Fee Land. Sweat wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry and Fuels Yard on Wednesdays and Fridays during business

No more than one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of sweat wood will be delivered to Tribal Departments (Peaceful Spirits, Detention Center) located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Sweat wood provided will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of sweat wood available include: juniper, pinion, pine, aspen, cottonwood, etc.

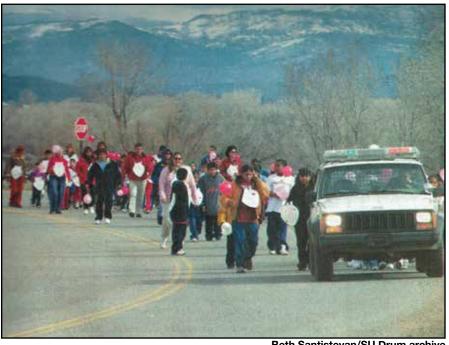
Any Tribal member found selling or giving away sweat wood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard will be banned from sweat wood and firewood services for up to 3 years, and/or face prosecution.

In conclusion, we understand that this transition may not be easy, but we are here to provide service to the Tribal membership and hope that you will support the goals and

#### Get your event noticed in the Drum! Call or email today with your info!

If you have an event you want covered call the Drum. 970-563-0118 · sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

# **MANY MOONS AGO**



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

# 10 years ago

The students at the Southern Ute Academy celebrated Valentine's Day with an "Up The Beat" Heart walk to show that they know the importance of having a good healthy heart. They each received a heart shaped balloon and wore signs with phrases like "Rejuvenate The Heart ... Walk", "Say No To High Fatty Foods", and "Get Moving". Good advice for all!

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 18, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



# 20 years ago

Face-lift for expansion, Shur Valu Market expands into 285 Goddard.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 17, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



# 30 years ago

Break dancing - 3rd place in Team Dancing went to the Whiz Kids, (left - right) Carlos Herrera, Marvin Pinnecoose, Lambert Cloud, Scottie Taylor, Steve Burch and

This photo first appeared in the Feb., 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

# **SUCCM UPDATE**

#### ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would

like to reserve a place for your art in

the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

#### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.

#### SU CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

# "Tell me a story: Nuchu documentary" at SUCCM

Staff report SU CULTURAL CENTER & Museum

#### "TELL ME A STORY"

Mique Nuchu,

I want to talk to you today about our latest projects here at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM).

How many times have you heard a Non-Indian or Indian give false information about Indians?

The "Tell Me a Story" and "Ute Picture Project" are two new projects that are going to help educate the community and possibly the world.

Educating the world is a big task you might say, but when the world has been offered only one side of our story from non-Utes there is a problem.

To help counter this misrepresentation of our native peoples SUCCM proposes, to all Ute Tribal members, the chance to come document your stories of the Ute people.

We are offering either audio recording with transcription and/ or filming with transcription of your stories for the documentary that will follow current museum/ archival standards of recording, editing and storage.

By showing a visual representation along with the stories we are providing the reality of our people and our history, and even audio from a tribal member accompanying an exhibit can make all the difference in the world to the visitor.

When non-Indians can see that we are still here visually, see that we too are human, that we are just like them, hear that our voice is the same as everyone else's, then and only then will the equality of our Indian people come closer to that of the non-Indian in America; especially as those who may one day be in charge

of the U.S Government might come here as a child to learn about Indians, so come help us tell our story as history shouldn't be just his story (one sided).

#### The Need

The "Tell Me a Story" project will be an ongoing documentary of Ute Stories, traditional or contemporary.

The reasoning behind our project is for our future. When I say our future I mean the Ute future, I think of my grandchildren's children and whose version of Ute history will be told to them as "fact," what information will be available to them as being Ute?

I also think back to my own education and the lack of Indian perspective, history, and the void of our representation at all!

Such is the reason that we are preparing for this type of on-going documentary of the Ute.

I am often asked by local non-Indians, in tours, where are the Indians? Where did the Indians go? Why are they gone?

I am also told by local non-Indians "I didn't even know there was a reservation here and I'm from Durango".

This lack of collective un-biased history for the American public needs to be remedied, and what better way than to use our collective voice as the sovereign delegates that we are through digital media.

SUCCM is looking for any and all Ute stories that you want to tell for our living documentary.

#### The Academic Call for **Recording Native Ameri**can Histories

Author William T. Hagan tells us in his article The Archival Captive-the American Indian that "to be an Indian is having non-Indians control the documents from which other non-Indians write their version of your history".

This is exactly the case as the wide array of Native American archives that weren't destroyed, embellished upon, and/ or completely fabricated to cover genocidal tracks are unspoken, untouched, unread, and unwanted in the educational system.

This absence of context is taught as "American History"; and we all know what we are bound to do, historically, if we are not informed of our past, repeat it right?

Here at SUCCM we are asking for your help to offer the Nuchu side of the story from our own mouths.

Non-Indians might not be so quick to act towards us negatively if they know we are here, that we have rights, that we are not minorities, and most importantly that we are sovereign nations.

Hagan also relays that there is a problem with the archives that represent Native America for researchers "that problem relates to the provenance of the records. These records are almost exclusively products of white men."

In the future our children might have those same problems with material available to them that would help them in understanding who they are, where, and who they come from.

Nuchu should make every effort possible to counter that mis-information.

So please help us in our campaign against ignorance, racism, intolerance, and othering of Native peoples through our living documentaries.

In the scholarly article What is a Tribal Archive?, by John Fleckner (senior archivist at the National Museum of American History, chief archvist, 1982-2004), we hear that a tribal archive "contributes to cultural efforts such as these by gathering, preserving, and making

**SUCCM** page 6

# Elders gather for lunch



**Culture** 

Tribal elders from Southern Ute and Ute Mountain enjoyed a hardy lunch on Friday, Feb. 13. Elders were served; meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and Valentine's Day treats.

#### **Native Workshop Fridays: Beadwork 101**

Come join SUCCM, Friday Feb. 27, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Craft Room for an introduction to Native American beadwork. This will be the first class in a series of beadwork workshops from Native American artisans at SUCCM. For \$20, this intro class will cover basic topics such as:

- · Tour of the Permanent Gallery to see Ute beadwork
- · Needles and bead sizes
- · What to bead on
- · The class will finish with a beginners level beadwork project (instructors choice) that you will take home.

This class will be limited to 25 people so call to sign up today by calling the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum at 970-563-9583.

#### **CULTURAL UPDATE**

#### **EVENTS FOR TRIBAL STAFF**

"Tribal Beliefs and Practices"

Thursday, March 12. The presentation is open to all interested staff of the Southern Ute Tribe in the small Classroom of the Southern Ute Cultural Center. We will begin at 1 p.m. The presentation will take about an hour. Call the Culture Dept. at 563-0100, ext. 3620 to sign up.

**Museum Tour for Tribal Staff** March 5, 1 p.m. The Culture Dept. will

be providing a tour of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum for staff of the Southern Ute Tribe. The tour will take about 75 - 90 minutes. Call the Culture Dept. at 563-0100, ext. 3620 to sign up.

#### 95TH ANNUAL SO. UTE FAIR THEME & ART WORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2015 Logo and Theme Contest for the 95th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until April 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include

artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artist. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the fair logo and theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department or may write a short paragraph explaining the logo and theme which will be featured in the 2015 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept., PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

a theme to coincide with respective

#### **FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

- Givon Reading & Writing Ute: Mondays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- · Conversational Ute Classes: Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 26.

For information on classes or other cultural events, call the Southern Ute Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620.

# Elders Week at Fort Lewis



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Eddie Box Jr. (right) and wife, Betty Box (left) show Fort Lewis College students their gauntlets during Elders Week, Feb. 16-19. Box said the pair that his wife is holding used to be his fathers and those are the, "real deal."





Eddie Box Jr. holds up his choker to show the FLC students at Fort Lewis College. Box explained to the students what the different colors on this particular choker meant to him, he said they represent all the races of the world.

Betty Box helped an FLC student tie her dress when making a presentation on what type of regalia she wears.



Lawrence Baker & Chris Eagle Hawk Arena Director:

Chico Her Many Horses

**Head Judges:** JoNeda Sage & Marcel Whitney Olney

Story Tellers: Phillip Whiteman, Jr. Christian "Supaman" Parrish

#### 2015 \$pecial Contest\$

Jordynn Lee Paz 2014 DMPW Princess ★ **Honor Contests** 

Women's (16-35) Traditional Northern vs. Southern vs. Crow Style Challenge S Prizes - TBA

Married Couples Dance In Honor of Parents Lark Real Bird Paz and the late Frank Paz S Prizes - TBA

(Sponsored by Family and Friends)

Special Contest Honoring Visiting Royalty by Lauren Frank 2001 DMPW Princess

Return to the Dance Circle omen's Jingle Dress Contest (18+) in Honor of Tiffany Paskemin

Prizes: \$3,000 = 5 places gousseed by Family & Friends

ed by Lauren Good Day Giago Family

"Wicaglata"
Woman Singing Behind the Drum

Women's Golden Age Honoring Dee Dee Goodeagle 3 Places = Prizes: TBA (Sponsored by Suge Family)

"Youth Enrichment" Young Men's Grass (15-24) Young Women's Jingle (15-24) (Must be registered in respective categories IDs will be checked) 1st = \$800; 2st = \$600; 3st = \$400 (sponsored by DMPb Committee)

Honoring the Memory of Andrea Grace Gopher Rama, Men's Fancy (35+) S Prizes = \$2,000 (sponsared by Family)

Sisters Team Dance 7 & under and 18 & Over (Min. 3 Sisters by Birth) ponsored by G.B. Gillette Family

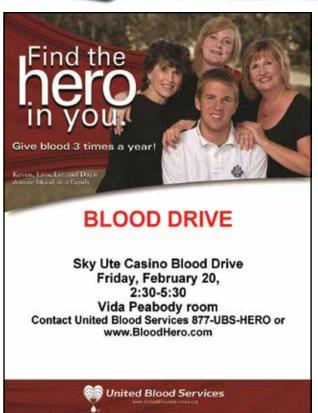
Father / Son(s) Contest Honoring Lakota & Wambdi Clairmont

Prizes: TBA

"Giving Back to the Circle"
Honoring Maurice Gardner
Boys Fancy Dance (10-17)
1st \$500 + Star Quilt + Jacket
\$400; 3rd \$300; 4th \$200; 5th \$100
+ T-Shirts
(Sponsored by Family)

Special Memorial Contests Keith Fox (Men's Grass) & John Fox, Jr. (Men's No. Traditional) Original DMPW Committee Members S Prizes = TBA (Sponsored by Clair Fox and Family)





PEACEFUL SPIRITS NEWS BRIEF

#### **Elder Services February** activities

Feb. 23: Farmington shopping trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.

All trips need to have 4 or more Tribal Elder, Handicapped or Disabled Members.

All trips are subject to change without prior notice.

If you have any questions please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Robert White, Former deputy chief with Flagstaff Arizona Police Department, (middle) was in town at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, Feb. 11 to conduct a Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement training.

#### SU POLICE DEPT.

# Memorial Shoot brings training to law enforcement

Robert White, former deputy chief with Flagstaff Arizona Police Department, came to the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, Feb. 11 to teach an Emotional Survival training course to local law enforcement.

Every year, the Southern Ute Police Department sponsors the Brad Jesmer/ Tony Archuleta Memorial Shoot. The shoot started in August of 2013 and with nearly 3 years already under its belt the shoot was finally able raise enough money to bring White in to help train Department and the Division local law enforcement.

"I am really happy that the memorial was able to generate enough funding ... this is very local," Phil Drake, Gaming Director said. "Basically friends and neighbors. No big time

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM where. It's the Ignacio area. That's tremendous when you look at the number of people that show up." White has an extensive

background that includes 40 years in law enforcement. He also attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. As far as training experi-

ence, White is a Leadership Development Instructor for the International Association of Chief of Police and has been conducting law enforcement-training sessions regularly.

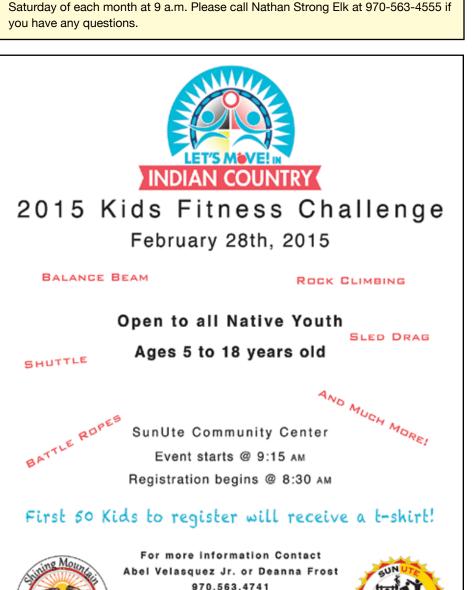
The Southern Ute Police of Gaming are not the only ones who got to benefit from this training, officers from as far as Flagstaff, AZ traveled to participate in the training.

"I think this course, emotional survival, it hits home for officers. The pa-

By Trennie Collins money coming from any- trol officer, the Sargent, the detective, the chief, the lieutenant, any law enforcement officer, his whole career is taught, fight. Fight to go home. I think the officer is so geared up in handling everybody else's problems when he's at work, the officer builds all this stuff up then he goes home," SUPD Chief Ray Coriz said.

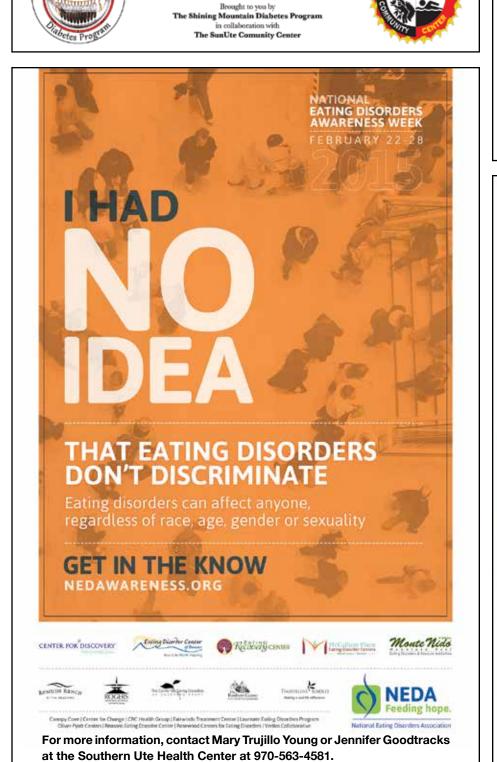
> "Sometimes the officers get disconnected at home and then they start depriving their kid or wife and they forget to do things they love," Coriz said. "This is a great course I'm excited for new avenues to relieve stress."

The Brad Jesmer/Anthony Archuleta Memorial Shoot is held every year in August. Please look for more information about this upcoming event and how you can support your local law enforcement in upcoming issues of The Southern Ute Drum.



**HEALTH UPDATE** 

Starting March 7, there will be sweat lodge purification ceremonies every first





Southern Ute Health Services - Elder Health Car 970/563-0154

Southern Ute Health Services Departments promotes, supports and assists in delivering homemaker services and limited health care within the homes of tribal elders and disabled individuals residing on the Southern Ute reservation.

The Elder & Disabled Home Health Care program will meet the daily needs of eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Elders/Disabled individuals thru proper medical referrals.

- Lite house work duties: living room, kitchen, and living areas
- Assist with bathing, grooming and dressing
- Laundry, change of linens, cleanliness of bedroom & bathrooms
- Medication & medical appointment reminders
- Medical transportation available per 24-hour notification
- Weekly companionship visits scheduled

"Call and let us become part of your day" All services are confidential and regulated by HIPAA



#### BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Breast cancer screening can be overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. Ask your primary care provider these questions:



- Am I at risk for breast cancer?
- When was my last mammogram?
- How often should I be screened?
- What if my results are abnormal?



Contact: Andrea Martinez CHR/Health Service Mouache Capote Building (970) 563-0154 Ext. 2347

\*\*SCHEDULE A MAMMOGRAM PARTY\*\*

February 20, 2015 manügiini (5)



# Bobcats of the month 🦝



















photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

Bruce Wilson Baker, Zaine Velasquez Bowekaty, Gabriel Cox, Briel Cruz, Avery Lovato, Eternity Lucero, Asherea Manuelito, Amaira Watts and Jaiden Werito.

# Louis, youth of the month



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club has named Peyton H.C. Pierre-Louis as the January Jr. Youth of the Mont. Louis (6) is a Kindergartener at Ignacio Elementary School and enjoys playing football and basketball. His parents are Andrea Pierre-Louis and Mary E.S. Monte. He is the grandson of Judy Gyma of Denver, CO and Victor and Stephanie Monte in Ignacio. The Club addressed acknowledgement for Peyton, stating, "The B&GC staff loves Peyton's positive attitude! He is always so respectful and does anything that the staff asks him. Peyton gets along with all the other Club Members and makes everyone laugh. Plus, he has the coolest name ever! Peyton is always happy and his great energy spreads throughout the Club. The B&GC staff acknowledge that he is very creative, always willing to help clean, and helps any Club Member in need. We are so glad that we get to see Peyton each day. You are great!"

#### **EDUCATION UPDATE**

#### IGNACIO DISTRICT PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES **ANNOUNCED**

The Ignacio School District will be holding parent/teacher conferences. For further information contact the Ignacio School District at 970-5630515. All conferences for all schools are scheduled from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

- Elementary School: Feb. 23 and 24.
- Middle School: Feb. 24 for names A-L and Feb. 25 for names M-Z.

#### High School: Feb. 25 and 26.

#### College Scholarships are Available For the 2015-2016 Academic Year



- Scholarship funding for Certificate and Associate through Doctorate programs
- Applications are available online or can be picked up at the Education Department
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- Part-time Scholarships are also available

For more information please contact Southern Ute Higher Education

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#### IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Middle School hosts first annual spelling bee

**Education** 

By Damon Toledo THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Students from Ignacio Middle School put on their thinking caps and tested their spelling skills during the first annual spelling bee.

The event was hosted at the middle school on Friday, Feb. 6 with 20 students competing. Matthew Belleau, Brianna Henderson, and Jeffrey Brittain were declared the top spellers of the spelling bee, and now have a chance to compete in the national finals for a \$30,000 prize.

First place winner, Matpractice sessions.

"A couple of times we did little tests," he said. "When we practiced, we did lots of writing and shared them with the class. A couple of times my parents helped me, but I just continued practicing."

Belleau won the spelling bee with the word emphatically, and will be attending the state finals on March 14

"I practiced a lot. I was he said. "That would be



Matthew Belleau waits for his word during the Ignacio Middle School Spelling Bee Competition Friday, Feb.6. Several students competed against each other in the hopes of making it to the state finals in Denver. Belleau won the middle school spelling bee and will be headed up to Denver in March to compete for state.

thew Belleau, described his spelling bee, but I decided to stick through with it," said second place winner, Brianna Henderson. "I misspelled honorarium, but overall it was fun. I will definitely see myself participating again."

Third place winner, Jeffrey Brittain, described some of the challenges that were encountered.

"I have a tendency to switch vowels around, which is what got me out,"

going to drop out of the my third spelling bee I got third place in, but I had fun regardless. I will definitely compete in more spelling bees in the future."

> Jennifer Boniface who organized the spelling bee stated that any student is welcome to participate; they just need to show an advanced level of spelling as well as the driven desire to participate. The middle school is planning on holding more spelling bees in the future with the hopes of drawing in more students.

# Flag raising ceremony at SUIMA



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy held their annual flag raising ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 17 in honor of safe blessings for the staff and students. Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Rudley Weaver, Ronnie Baker, and Larry Tucker led the ceremony as the students gathered together on the playing field. Weaver said the opening prayer while Tucker blessed the staff and students.

# Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including these with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to

make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for

other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their

community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high

school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, should be striving to complete

their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2791 mguenther@southernute-nsn.gov

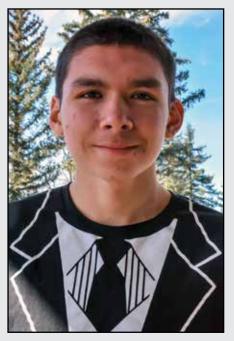


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### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



#### **OCEAN HUNTER**

My name is Ocean Hunter. I attend Ignacio Middle school, where I am a 7th grader. My favorite subjects in school are Math, Social Studies and Language Arts.

My parents are Charise Hunter and my step dad is Moises Dominguez. I like participating in sports and in addition, I want to coach a team when I grow up. I want to go to either Florida State or Fort Lewis College after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because of my school attendance, and my school grades.

Comments: Ocean was selected as Southern Ute Student of the Month by nomination of the Ignacio Middle School teachers. Several reasons the teachers felt he was deserving of this honor include his positive sportsmanship, peer relationships and diligence in keeping good grades. Ocean is also a positive and supportive person to those that may be having a rough day.

7:30PM

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1 WINNER



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

#### KRISTEEN VELASQUEZ

My name is Kristeen Velasquez. I attend Ignacio High School, where I am a Senior. My favorite subjects in school are math and science.

My parent is Lorretta Velasquez. I like participating in sports. In addition, I want to help people when I grow up. I want to go to college.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because people have seen improvement in my schoolwork and attitude.

Teacher comments: Krissy has been dedicated to her goal of graduating this year. She has shown great focus and determination in her studies and has put forth consistent effort in her work. She has truly earned this recognition and it is an honor to have her as one of our students of the month.

### Fish measure up at Head Start



courtesy Shasta Pontine/SU Head Start

Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm, with the Natural Resources, Wildlife Resource Management of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, measured fish in Shasta Pontine's, 3-5-year old's classroom at the Southern Ute Head Start on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

#### "TELL ME A STORY" • FROM PAGE 3

accessible a comprehensive ations to come. body of information about the tribe's past ... a tribal archives places these resources in Indian hands, and thus encourages interpretation of perspective".

To sum up our newest voyage, SUCCM is in need of help to prevent existing, culturally pertinent, governmentally, and tribally historic information from loss for future generations.

All stories, through film or audio recording/transcription, can be made available (at your request) for research to tribal members and/or the public through the museum archives and websites.

Not to mention, if you desire, your stories might be used in the permanent gallery videos and or exhibits and text as well to ensure the Ute voice is heard for gener-

#### "THE NUCHU PICTURE PROJECT"

The Nuchu picture projtribal history from an Indian ect is another plan in the works here at SUCCM. We are inviting anyone with historical and contemporary tribal member photos to help us compile a digital photo database that would be available for research to the membership.

This program would be beneficial for all the Ute membership as traditional photography/print paper is degradable and subject to many environmental hazards as well as human error.

Photographs would be handled in accordance with current archival standards and best practices, all photos would be photographed digitally for the archives, made available to the member on CD in a printable format as a token of appreciation and presented when you come to retrieve your original photos.

Both of our newest programs were created with SUCCM's Mission statement as a guiding force:

"To conserve and promote the history and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and other Native Americans so our young people will always be known and remember what it means to be Southern Ute"

If you have a story to tell, or photos you want copied and archived contact: SUC-CM, Education Manager, Tallas Cantsee at 970-563-9583 or by email at tcantsee@southernute-nsn.gov or contact Acting Education Coordinator at Pamela King 970-563-9583.



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July 3: Independence Day (observed)

July 13: Sun Dance Feast **Sept. 7:** Labor Day Nov. 11: Veteran's Day

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Dec. 25: Christmas

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#### **Powwow** February 20, 2015 naveekyaveini (7)

# Sweethearts share love at powwow

∎n light of Valentine's Day, a Sweetheart Powwow was held on Saturday, Feb. 14 inside the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Tribal members and fellow Natives were able to stretch their legs and get some dancing in before "powwow season" really takes off in the spring. Attendees all pitched in to make Valentine's special for everyone by hosting a potluck dinner. The daylong event started with gourd dance in the afternoon followed by a social powwow later in the evening.

**Photos by Damon Toledo** The Southern Ute Drum







Community and Tribal members lock hands during a cakewalk. Participants were qualified in winning a number of freshly made cakes, including chocolate, vanilla, and pineapple.



The Sweetheart Powwow resulted in a positive turnout, filling the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility to a fitting capacity.



Powwow attendees participate in the eventful Potato Dance. The rules of the dance involve partners balancing a potato between their heads while appropriately keeping up with the drumbeats.



Couples lock hands and charm the event floor during a couples dance, which allowed everyone in the audience to participate.



The Sweetheart Powwow brought many dancers of all ages together where they graced the floor with colorful regalia and attire.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Tauri Raines (left) gives thanks to all tribal members for joining in the celebration. She was accompanied by royalty from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and San Juan College.

# Lady Cats rout Nucla 63-36

By Joel Priest SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The fact that the previous night's game versus a perennial San Juan Basin League rival had gone into overtime might have hinted, win or lose, that Ignacio's girls' varsity might have been mentally satisfied.

But they lost, and they were not.

Wasting no time to avenge themselves, the Lady Bobcats traveled to Nucla the next afternoon for a Valentine's Day test against the ever-physical Lady Mustangs and handed NHS a 63-36 defeat showing adjustments needed after their own 54-49 loss to Ridgway inside Sun-Ute Community Center had indeed been made.

And with great gusto.

Seen with the evidence of sweat and tears underneath her eyes after facing RHS, senior point guard Sky Cotton - whose missed free throw with 0:06 remaining in the fourth quarter allowed the Lady Demons to survive into OT – netted 20 points in Montrose County's West End and also distributed seven assists.

Freshman forward Hilda Garcia, who'd fouled out in the team's home (along with junior forward Ellie Seibel) loss, then burned Nucla for a game-best 25 in helping IHS improve to 13-4 overall, 9-1 in the 2A/1A SJBL.

The Lady Mustangs dropped to 10-6, 6-5.



Ignacio's Avionne Gomez (25) contentedly dribbles the ball into the offensive end during the Lady Bobcats' 49-24 win at 3A Bayfield on Feb. 10. IHS then split its Valentine's Day weekend contests, losing in overtime at home to Ridgway and then winning away at Nucla.

man,' had paced the squad against Ridgway with 13.

Up next is the Lady Bobcats' final SunUte date on their slate, Feb. 20 against Norwood.

The reigning Class 1A State Champions, despite being ranked second in the CHSAANow.com poll (behind only Eastern Plains 18-0 power Kit Carson) were to have hosted Ouray on the 17th before traveling Freshman guard Avionne to Ignacio for the 5:30 p.m. Gomez, Ignacio's 'sixth tip, and stood 15-0 overall, nicely.

11-0 against all circuit resistance entering that engagement.

And the stakes for both couldn't be higher. Should the Lady Mavericks win, the SJBL's overall title is theirs. An Ignacio victory, however, gives the Lady Cats the clinching head-up advantage in the standings, and a triumph in the regular-season's overall finale -Feb. 21 at Telluride – would polish off the issue quite



Ignacio's Xavier Reynolds (11) handles the ball against Bayfield's Ryan Phelps (40) during the Bobcats' 67-42 win inside BHS Gymnasium on Feb. 10. For Reynolds and classmate Adison Jones, it was their last time as prep hoopsters against the 3A Wolverines.

#### IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats bear down, dump Demons

Boys song about 'slow and low' being 'the tempo'?

Visiting SunUte Community Center Friday night, Feb. 13, Ridgway put forth a game plan looking to stress both by a) sacrificing speed in their own the clock in hopes of minimizing the score by limiting Ignacio's quick-strike capabilities.

So one would have to say that in holding the Bobcats tial eight minutes' produc- still riding very high off a dominating road win at 3A Bayfield on the tenth – to just 44 points in the end, after surrendering a fast 18 in the opening quarter, the Demons could claim something of a victory.

By Joel Priest the win history books will Special to the Drum ultimately remember.

"I feel like it was good Remember the Beastie for them to change it up ... run it slower a little – something that we're not used to," junior guard Tucker Ward said. "In case some other team along the stretch throws that at us, we'll be ready for it."

"Ridgway kind of slowed half-court sets to b) work the ball down on us, got us playing tired," agreed junior guard Anthony Manzanares. "We just had to ropes, and Ignacio would come out faster and better."

Luckily for IHS, their inition would have practically withstood all challenges had it not been for RHS guard Grant Saville cranking up his own aggression to post a seven-point fourth quarter.

Junior gunner Wyatt Their own 27-point out- Hayes, whose team-leadput, however, denied them ing 22 points inside BHS

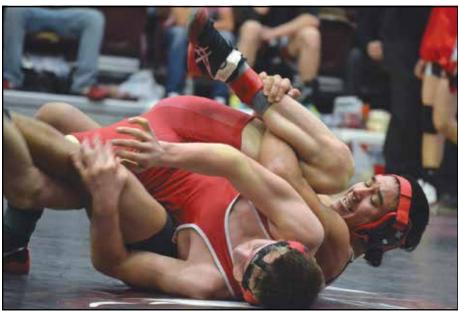
Gymnasium may have been the most exciting of his young career, sank a buzzer-beating three-pointer to close the first frame against Ridgway and put the Cats (14-2, 9-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) up by elev-

Ward then quickly followed suit beginning the second, converting old-fashioned three-point play which already had the guests on the proverbial later go into halftime in complete control, 27-12.

Senior forward Adison Jones then dealt the knockout blow in the third quarter, netting seven of his game-high 15 points in helping IHS increase its advantage to a no-doubt 37-16 entering the fourth.

"With two big guys down

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 145-pounder Lorenzo Pena works hard in trying for a pin against his Hotchkiss opponent on Day 2 of the 2A-Region I Championships inside Colorado Mesa University's Brownson Arena. Pena, working back from injury, notched a win for himself over the Bulldog, but did not place in the weight's top four - denying him a chance to wrestle at State in Denver.

#### **IHS WRESTLING**

# Five take IHS' name to Denver

By Joel Priest SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Colorado Mesa University head coach Chuck Pipher had, on Feb. 11, reminded media members via e-mail that 1,983 spectators had witnessed the exciting 'Battle in Brownson.'

Fortunately he specified that the event's nickname referred to his squad defeating nearby Western State Colorado University from Gunnison; with the amount of décor still accentuating CMU's Brownson Arena on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14, fans attending the Class 2A-Region I Wrestling Championships could have thought a truce between the Mavericks and Mountaineers had been broken.

Nonetheless, grapplers from 14 teams, representing 15 of CHSAA's smaller member schools, took to the NCAA Division II which individuals – four per weight - would see their seasons continue into the 2015 campaign's fi-Championships in Denver.

And in helping Ignacio rack up a fifth-place 137



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 152-pounder laasic Pena has his hand raised after a win over an opponent from Hotchkiss on Day program's mats to decide 2 of the 2A-Region I Championships inside Colorado Mesa University's Brownson Arena. Pena later won his weight and secured himself a berth in the 2015 State Championships inside Pepsi Center.

nal weekend and the State the honor of representing red-black-and-white inside Pepsi Center before the largest crowds in Colo-

points, five Bobcats scored rado prep sports.

Senior heavyweight Josh Gallegos (22-5) roared his

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#### **CHSAA**

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Colorado High School prior to renewal. **ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION** 

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· CHSAA State Wrestling Championships: Pepsi Center, Denver (All matches, all mats)

March 12, 2015

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March 13, 2015 · CHSAA 2A Boys' & Girls' Semifinals: Massari

Arena, Colo. State University, Pueblo March 14, 2015 CHSAA 2A Boys' & Girls' Third Place Game:

CHSAA 2A Boys' & Girls' Finals: Massari Arena,

Massari Arena, Colo. State University, Pueblo Colo. State University, Pueblo

# **Voices**

# Tribe gives thanks to Rosier



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Jody Rosier from the Southern Ute Finance Department parted ways with the Tribe on Friday, Feb. 13 after working with the community for four years. Rosier started working for the Tribe in August 2011 and has seen opportunities as a grant writer and acting grants manager. Rosier states that her work with tribal nations will continue as she will be relocating to Union WA, bringing her skills to the Skokomish Tribe as their new Community Development Director. Throughout her years with the Tribe, Rosier obtained fifteen new grants while in the position as grant writer, which totaled about \$5.6 million. Staff and friends said that Jody will truly be missed as she continues her career in the Northwest.

The SunUte Youth Basketball league are having team photos taken Monday, Feb. 23 - Thursday, Feb 26. Contact SunUte or team coaches for further information.

SunUte Youth Basketball team photos

#### **NEW EMPLOYEES**



#### Jeremy Cuthair

Job title: Food Distribution Manager

Description of duties: Control the every day functions of the Southern Ute/USDA Food Distribution Program. Helping those who live on the reservation in need of help. Hobbies: Hunting, EDM, mixing music, walks

Family: Mother, Evelyn Cuthair, Father, Larry Cuthair, Grandparents, Belle and Curtis Cuthair.

Tribe: Southern Ute

Additional comments: I look forward to working for my people that have given me so much.

#### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2015-0018-CV-NC Anastasia Rose Frost, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Anastasia Rose Frost has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Anastasia

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than April 10, 2015 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

> Dated this 17th day of February, 2015. Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2014-PR-132

Kathleen Beatrice Frost, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on February 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer

said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

> Dated this 27th of January, 2015 Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of, Case No: 2015-PR-010

Travis Veaux Blackbird, Deceased

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> Dated this 23rd of January, 2015 Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

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# Drum **Deadline**

#### Next issue: March 6 Deadline: March 2

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#### **Hunter Education Course**

This one-day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, 77 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. The course fee is \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Class size is limited to 25 students. Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child. Preregistration is required. Register online at http://register-ed.com/events/view/58050.

#### **KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy**

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

#### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE **Gaming Commission Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission one to finish a one (2) year term and another for a three (3) year term. Applicants are encouraged to write a letter of intent must be a minimum of one paragraph and also must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations, listed below.

- Be at least twenty-one years of age
- · Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation
- Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures Have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality
- Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be
- appointed to the Commission
- · Undergo a background investigation

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office - Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

#### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE **Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources. Duties of the Credit Committee listed below.

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

# Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for TWO REGULAR and TWO ALTERNATE Board Members!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions. If you are interested in applying for either the REGULAR or ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. by Friday, April 3 before 5 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the second floor, (east wing) of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.



IT'S YOUR VOTE STIT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

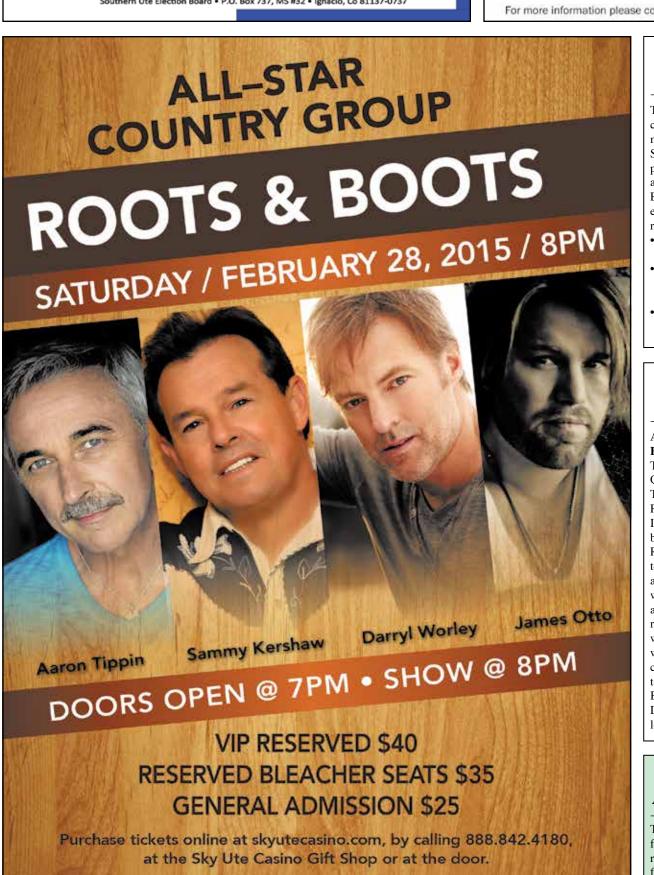
Southern Ute Election Board • P.O. Box 737, MS #32 • Ignacio, Co 81137-0737



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

#### Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694



Sky Ute Casino

IGNACIO, COLORADO

#### JOHNSON O'MALLEY **Committee Vacancies**

There are two vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to the Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department. This is a volunteered position and JOM only meets once a month on first Monday at 5:30 p.m. If you need any more information contact Ellen Baker at the Education Department, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Eligibility requirements are listed below.

- · You must have a student enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12
- You student must be eligible for the Johnson-O'Malley program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department (Ellen Baker)
- Open to Native American parent or legal guardianship of a Native American that is enrolled with the two school district

#### **SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY Committee Vacancy**

#### Attention past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens and Tribal

The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are five (5) positions open for former Royalty/ Fair Rodeo Queens and one position for a tribal Elder. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three year terms will be served. The Committee is responsible to support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history; to promote and recruit applicants; to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner; other duties associated with the committee. The Committee will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. The Committee meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building, in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or email your letter to ahiett@southernute-nsn.gov.

#### LAND FOR SALE **Attention tribal members/employees**

Tribal members & employees! Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16 irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio off CR 514, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

#### **Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements**

Please visit our webiste at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online. Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

#### Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/20/15

Operations Office Manager, responsible for coordination of office duties and job functions, relationships with Growth Fund employees, coworkers, supervisors and the public.

#### Royalty Auditor - Dept. of Energy (Ignacio,

Closing date 2/25/15

oil and gas royalties.

#### Housekeeper – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO) Closing date 2/27/15

Provides housekeeping service and support as directed by the Building Manager, to include

Growth Fund Office Assistant - SU Growth cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building (i.e., entries, corridors, offices, meeting rooms, Under the supervision of the Growth Fund kitchens, rest rooms, shower rooms, and some outside areas); responsible for implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and maintaining positive and effective working chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use.

#### Property Maintenance Manager - GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/27/15

Provides site based management of Responsible for audits of Southern Ute Tribal maintenance needs for the Quichas Hill Apartments, as well as general maintenance duties for Growth Fund Facilities. Routinely addresses tenant requests, processes work orders, implements solutions, and coordinates sub-contracted work. On-site apartment residency is required.

#### **Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements**

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online. Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137 TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

#### \*Database Administrator/User Support (Full-time)

Open until filled

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management System) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

#### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Open until filled

Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency. 6 months Table Games Dealer experience OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

#### <sup>•</sup>Poker Dealer (On-call)

Open until filled

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

#### \*Slot Floor Supervisor (Temporary) Closing date 2/20/15

Daily operation and function of assigned shift as well as the ongoing supervision and support of Slot Floor personnel. The position ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly, and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have High School Diploma/Equivalency. Prior Slot Floor experience required.

#### \*Slot Technician I (Full-time)

Closing date 2/20/15

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Must have a High School diploma/ equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. 1 yr experience in a related field (slot machine repair, electronics, circuit boards, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must have basic knowledge of computer hardware and software. Must serve as a Slot Technician I for at least 3 months to gain proficiency and demonstrate ability to meet minimum qualifications for advancement into a Slot Technician II position.

#### \*Surveillance Agent (Full-time)

Closing date 2/20/15

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years+. Must have prior experience in Surveillance, a Casino gaming department, or equivalent. Knowledge of Table Games including Blackjack, Three Card Poker, various Poker Games, Craps and Roulette preferred.

\*Must be at least 21 years old.

#### **KSUT**

KSUT is an EEO, Native American preference employer. KSUT Public Radio, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

KSUT Public Radio seeks a Development & Marketing Director with strong fundraising, management and marketing skills. Responsibilities include meeting fundraising goals through membership drives, business underwriting, special events, social media, and capital campaigns. Other responsibilities include: strategic marketing, expertise in membership and traffic software, financial and staff management. KSUT offers a dynamic work environment and excellent benefits plan. Qualifications and a full job description can be found online at ksut. org. Send a letter of interest and resume to bob@ksut.org by March 2, 2015, or by mail: Bob Franklin, KSUT Public Radio, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

#### **SUCCM (Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum) Job announcements**

Obtain a complete job description and application packet 77 County Road 517 • P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo. 81137 • 970-563-9583 • info@succm.org

#### Museum Technician

Closing date 2/27/15 Primary duties are to provide support to the Education Manager and the Facilities Manager. Specific duties include, but are not limited to: troubleshooting computer problems, set up audio/video equipment, filming and assist with set up for museum programs. Other duties include: assisting with the cleaning of exhibits, change out of lighting equipment and generally keeping abreast of any technical issues that may arise throughout the museum and alert management. Must have working knowledge of computers, audio/video equipment setup and be willing to learn new skills. Must be a team player. High School diploma or equivalent is required.

#### **Education Coordinator**

Closing date 2/27/15

Implementation of academic and public education programs. Work to integrate the collections and exhibitions into public and private curriculum while enhancing public educational use of museum. Will help develop the museum's audience and profile. Must demonstrate a proven interest in revitalizing cultural and natural heritage traditions, promoting Ute language preservation and enhancing literacy and critical thinking skills. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Specific knowledge about Southern Ute tribal history and culture. Experience in developing, delivering and evaluating education programs in formal and/or informal education settings with strong demonstrated leadership and organization skills.

#### **Advertise in the Drum!**

Call or email today for more info! 970-563-0118 · sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

#### **Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements**

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the HR website at www.southern-ute.nsn. us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. Applicants and employees, please be sure the Human Resources Department has your current contact information on file.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Human Resources Department: P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777 Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

#### **Advanced Practice Nurse**

Closing date 2/20/15

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

#### **Certified Pharmacy Technician**

Closing date 2/20/15

Works under the supervision of a pharmacist and provides technical support of the pharmacy department at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

#### Clinical Applications Coordinator

Closing date 2/20/15

Under general direction of the Tribal Health Department Director serves as the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/annual.

#### **Recreation Coordinator**

Closing date 2/20/15

Develop, implement, coordinate and facilitate all youth and adult recreation programs. Planning, implementing, coordinating and facilitating youth programs and schedules for the Tri-Ute Games, the North American Indigenous Games, as well as other Ute Games. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour

#### System Support Specialist (Health Center) Closing date 2/20/15

Under the direction of the Clinical Information Technologist provides desktop, laptop, and mobile device administration, maintenance, and support for Tribal Health Department and Human Resources Director Divisions including the Southern Ute Health

Center. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

#### Criminal Investigator

Closing date 2/23/15

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/annual.

#### Patrol Officer

Closing date 2/23/15

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

#### **Police Sergeant**

Closing date 2/23/15

Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

#### **Family Court Counselor**

Closing date 2/27/15

Providing intake and mental health treatment services to juveniles within the justice system. Providing special advocacy, parent coordination and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and/or supervisor. Ccase management activities involving assigned adults and juveniles. Full-time position and is contingent on grant funds being available. Pay grade 20; \$47,868/annual.

#### **Deputy Court Clerk**

Closing date 2/27/15

Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

#### **Internal Operations Auditor**

Closing date 3/2/15

Performs program assessments, efficiency studies, and operational auditing for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to identify and eliminate risk/liability, unnecessary spending, unneeded staffing, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures. Develops, implements, and monitors Key Performance Indicators, recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and increased customer satisfaction. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/annual.

Closing date 3/20/15

Under general direction of the Executive Officer; management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-today supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors. Identify and train a Southern Ute Tribal Member to assume the position of Director of Human Resources within five years of hire. The training program will follow a written training plan to be development in conjunction with the Tribe's Executive Officer and other personnel as appropriate.

#### Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Only

#### **Family Court Therapist Apprentice**

Closing date 2/27/15

Apprentice program is designed to meet the Lands Coordinator Trainee interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with clinical assessment and case management for family court cases in the Tribal Court system. Assist the Family Court Therapist by conducting child and family investigations and evaluation of cases and providing recommendations to the court for the implementation of parental responsibilities. Will act as a mediator to assist parties in resolving high conflict disputes handled through the Tribal Court system and serve, when qualified, as a Guardian Ad litem for dependent and neglected children and adults in need of a mental health guardian. Will develop the clinical skills to become supervisor of the Family Court Support Office. The time frame for this program's completion is twenty-four (24) months, unless there are circumstances

requiring an extension or reduction.

Closing date 3/13/15

Trainee program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with Southern Ute Indian Tribe land management. Ensuring Southern Ute Tribal land management and associated transactions are conducted in manner which promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of the land and cultural resources of the Tribe, complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. The time frame for this program's completion is one year, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. Salary starts at \$18/ hour - eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to final pay rate of \$23.01/hour.

#### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE **Tribal Deputy Coroner Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy

- Coroner. Qualifications are as follows: Must be at least twenty-one years of age
- Must have law enforcement experience Must be EMT certified or possess other
- similar medical training Must have a valid Drivers License for state of residency and be insurable under the
- Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes

Tribal vehicle insurance policy

The position is compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment.

Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737 - MS#10, Ignacio, Colorado 81137 OR in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration.

#### **TERO – Job announcements**

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

#### Kleen Tech Janitorial

Hiring Janitors. Must complete an application at TERO; Be at least 18, have reliable transportation; and pass a background check.

#### Badger DayLighting

Hiring (2) CDL Drivers and (2) Operator Assistants to do Hydro Excavation. Must 5949 Hwy 64, Farmington, NM 87401.

complete an application at 777 Orchard Dr., Bayfield, CO 81122. Must be willing to travel 2 - 3 weeks at a time.

#### **Hurricane Air & Swabbing Services**

Hiring an Operator, Derrick Hand and (2) Floor Hands. Must complete an application at FLY-FISHING

# New gear that will keep you organized

By Don Oliver SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

One of the great things about the coming of a new year are the articles about new fly fishing gear in all the fly fishing magazines. It seems the various fly-fishing magazines have the same calendar for what and when to write about at various items. January and February are new gear months.

The evaluations cover all sorts of gear in all price ranges. The problem is most of the new gear is the same as the old gear from previous years. It's dressed up a little. There are new colors, new names for old things, and new prices, but very little of it is actually "new." However, this year I have found an item that is "new."

The new item is the Tailgater Organizer from Umpqua. Now, before you accuse me of promoting something I get paid for, please know, nobody asked me to write about this product.

to test it out I am comfly-fishing gear. The Tailbermaid bin into an orga- that group. nized storage system for fly-fishing gear.

fly-fishermen use some my fly-fishing buddies. type of bin to hold their gear. I am one in that their faces when we all barb in my thumb. group. And if you can showed up for a day of

Friday, Feb. 20

Mostly sunny 55°F

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The new item is the Tailgater Organizer from Umpqua. Now, before you accuse me of promoting something I get paid for, please know, nobody asked me to write about this product.

In fact, I had to buy one looking for because it's

My Tailgater has already made me look neat- ing in a two week old I have noticed many er and more organized to lost baggy, or that size-8

never find what your fishing and I didn't have possibilities.

**LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER** 

Saturday, Feb. 21

Partly sunny 47°F

Weather data for Feb. 2 – Feb. 13

2/11

2/11

2/13

to empty my Rubbermaid tub onto the parking lot to look for something. Before I got organized my bin looked like a giant purse that had gone through the dryer cycle at a laundromat with everything in it. I think an old saying that would apply is "A cat couldn't find her kittens" in my bin.

The Tailgater slips over any type of bin and is secured on each end with adjustable straps. One outside flap of the Tailgater has a large soft storage pocket. The other outside flap has smaller pockets that hold fly boxes, floatant, forceps, leader, and tippet spools. There's even a fly patch to attach your loose flies on. Inside the box, on each side are more large pockets.

I have discovered, with a little planning, I am able to store all sorts of extra stuff, such as a reel, glasses, sun gloves, and buffs. I can also put my peanut butter and jelly sandwich in one of the pockets and have it arrive thicker than a dollar bill.

Once I have stored all buried somewhere in the things that normally mitted to owning lots of the dark corners of other get lost in a bottomless gear, then this product is bin, I now have room for gater converts your Rub- for you. I am also part of my boots, waders and vest. It's really cool not finding penicillin growstreamer I was looking Imagine the surprise on for, now stuck past the

This product has great

Sunday, Feb. 22

Mostly Cloudy 45°F

59.7°

22.5°

37.6°

29.3°

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#### **BOBCATS DUMP DEMONS • FROM PAGE 8**



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Adison Jones (30) puts the ball on the SunUte Community Center court against Ridgway's Eli Hagemeyer (21) during San Juan Basin League action on Feb. 13. Jones scored a game-best 15 points in the Bobcats' defeat of the Demons.

low, a great shooter like Whatever we can do!" Wyatt, speed with 'Tuck' ... all of us are contributing to this team," Manzanares (five points) said. "We really don't have one man who scores, so it's going good!"

"Any one of our guys wants to have the big shot; every one wants to score for the team," concurred Ward (ten points). "Or help in some way, whether rebounding ... or anything!

Hayes finished with eight points versus the Demons, and junior center Nick Herrera totaled six.

Saville ended up registering 11 points for Ridgway (6-10, 4-8), and guard Hasten Beamer booked seven. Forward Thor Ronemus chipped in four, guard Quinlin McNatt three and forward Eli Hagemeyer two.

on the Friday, Feb. 20 then ends the regular season the next night at Telluride. Results from the Feb. 17t trip to Monticello, Utah, were unavailable by the Drum's deadline. The Buckaroos went into the much-anticipated contest 13-3 overall, 6-0 in UHSAA Region 19, and ranked No. 3 in 1A by the Deseret News (Ignacio was third in the CH-IHS hosts Norwood next SAANow.com 2A poll).

#### IHS TAKE FIVE TO DENVER • FROM PAGE 8

way into his division's finale with a pin of Hotchkiss sophomore Conner Collins, and saved enough for a 1-0 defeat of Meeker sophomore Tyler Ilgen to become IHS' third Region I king - after senior 152-pounder Iaasic Pena and sophomore 113-pounder Stocker Robbins.

Pena (31-5) won his title by injury default over MHS sophomore Casey Turner, while Robbins (33-2) stuck Paonia freshman Clay Campbell 1:23 into the third period of their meeting.

Defeated earlier on Day 2, 11-4, by Dove Creek's Chance Randolph, sophomore Ethan Appenzeller (32-8) recovered to take care of Norwood/Nucla's Aiden Dabal by an 8-1 margin to save third place (Dabal, a freshman, later survived a wrestleback against HHS' Mitch McCurdy to officially take fourth) at 138 pounds.

Senior Blaine Mickey (14-11) wasn't as fortunate in the third-place match at 182, losing to MHS junior Devon Pontine by 14-4 major decision, but faced no wrestleback challenge with the Mile High City trip at stake.

Classmate Alex Lopez, however, was a casualty of the last-chance system. PHS senior Chase Park had forfeited to HHS senior Tristen Todd in the 220-pounders' third-place match, allowing Lopez a shot - against Park - at extending his last season at least another work week.

But in contributing to the Eagles' regional-best 219 points, Park eliminated Lopez 7 to 5, and Lopez (10-15) ended up fifth via a forfeit win over Hayden junior Hunter Rummel.

Sophomore 145-pounder Lorenzo Pena, back in action with one knee braced and padded, also ended in fifth place, as did senior Mike Perez at 160. Junior Tyler Beebe placed sixth at 132 pounds.

Hotchkiss amassed 189.5 points to take second, with Meeker (183) and the San Juan Basin League's Norwood/Nucla (180) collective bridging the gap in the team standings back to Ignacio - which had held down the classification's No. 8 spot in the On The Mat rankings



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio heavyweight Josh Gallegos takes down Hotchkiss' Conner Collins during Day 2 action at the 2A-Region Championships inside Colorado Mesa University's Brownson Arena. Gallegos eventually won by pin, then later won his division - locking up a State berth in the process – with a 1-0 victory over an opponent from Meeker.

guided by Pipher's brother Andy, topped the table, with N/N rated second best, Meeker the No. 3 and HHS the No. 10.

Bringing the 80th season of CHSAA-sanctioned wrestling to a close, the State Championships began Thursday, Feb. 19, with Classes 2A and 3A weighing in at 11:30 a.m., then starting their preliminary rounds at 3 p.m. Day 2 action was to begin at 10 a.m., with second-round consolation competition following

heading into the event. PHS, later at 5:45 p.m. and the semifinals then at 7:15.

> Day 3, Feb. 21, will get underway at 10:30 a.m. with third-round consolation matches, and consolation semifinals immediately following as mats become available. The fifth-place matches will begin at 2 p.m., with third-place pairings to follow as soon as possible. The Parade of Champions, presenting the top two in each weight before each duo gets down to first-place business, is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

# **Precipitation**

Wind speed

Average

**Temperature** 

Average last year

High

Low

Average

Total 0.000" Total last year 0.050"

# 120

**Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs** 

Minimum 1.0 Maximum 16.1

#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 113.0 Average humidity 57.7%

Air quality Good

Air quality descriptor: 36

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

#### **2A-REGION I STANDINGS**

1. Paonia 219, 2. Hotchkiss 189.5, 3. Meeker 183, 4. Norwood/Nucla 180, 5. IGNACIO 137, 6. Hayden 118.5, 7. Dove Creek 92, 8. Cedaredge 90; 9. Dolores 65.5, 10. Walden North Park 30.5, 11. Rangely 20, 12. Kremmling West Grand 7, 13. Mancos 2, 14. Oak Creek Soroco 0.

#### **2A-REGION I CHAMPIONS**

106 - Brandon Ward, Dolores; 113 - STOCKER ROBBINS, IGNACIO; 120 - Talon Harris, Norwood/ Nucla; 126 - Jesse Reed, Paonia; 132 - Austin Todd, Hotchkiss; 138 - Bo Pipher, Paonia; 145 - Gunnar Chesnik, Paonia; 152 - IAASIC PENA, IGNACIO; 160 - Zach Milner, Paonia; 170 – T.J. Shelton, Meeker; 182 – Logan Schopp, Paonia; 195 - Trevor Smith, Paonia; 220 - Adrian Cereceres, Walden North Park; HWT - JOSH GALLEGOS, IGNACIO.